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<b>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION</b>  Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	10971464-3
	Confirmation No.	3167
	First Named Inventor	Shannon, Karen W.
	Application Number	09/784,674
	Filing Date	February 15, 2001
	Group Art Unit	1631
	Examiner Name	Negin, Russell Scott
	Title:	"METHODS FOR EVALUATING OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PROBE SEQUENCES"

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated May 15, 2008 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due by August 15, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.